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Pro-Trump mob storms U.S. Capitol

CONGRESS RESUMES ELECTORAL VOTE COUNT AFTER LOCKDOWN

Rioters breached the U.S. Capitol following a rally Wednesday that included an address by the president. A joint session of Congress to certify Joe Biden's victory in the November presidential election had to be halted until the building was cleared. Trump and his supporters have been protesting the election results. SAMUEL CORUM/GETTY IMAGES/TNS

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1 person killed inside building during siege

Police with guns drawn watch as an angry mob tries to break into the House Chamber. Politicians scrambled for cover as police were unable to barricade the building. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

By Ben Fox, Ashraf Khalil and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A violent mob loyal to President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, forcing lawmakers into hiding in a scene of violence, chaos and disruption that shook the core of American democracy.

The nation's elected representatives scrambled to crouch under desks and donned gas marks, while police futilely tried to barricade the building, one of the most jarring scenes ever to unfold in a seat of American political power. A woman was shot and killed inside the Capitol, and Washington's mayor instituted an evening curfew in an attempt to contain the violence.

Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen called the action an "intolerable attack on a fundamental institution" of democracy.

The rioters were encouraged by Trump, who has spent weeks falsely attacking the integrity of the election and had urged his supporters to descend on Washington on Wednesday to protest Congress' formal approval of Democrat Joe Biden's victory. Some Republican lawmakers were in the midst of raising objections to the results on his behalf when the proceedings were abruptly halted by the mob.

Together, the protests and the GOP election objections amounted to an almost unthinkable challenge to American democracy and exposed the depths of the divisions that have

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Ossoff, Warnock wins cement Georgia as swing state

Jon Ossoff edged past incumbent Sen. David Perdue.

Raphael Warnock defeated incumbent Sen. Kelly Loeffler.

Democrats' sweep flips Senate control, boosts Biden agenda.

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Even after Joe Biden narrowly captured Georgia, there were whispers that it was a one-off win, a stroke of luck driven more by displeasure with President Donald Trump than a sudden embrace of Democratic politicians.

There's no doubt about it anymore. Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock swept the state's U.S. Senate runoffs, a pair of stunning victories that flip control of the chamber and pave the way for Biden to pursue his legislative agenda in Congress.

The defeats of U.S. Sens. Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue cemented the transformation of Georgia from a

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